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**Docket Control** 

FROM:

Ernest G. Johnson

Director

**Utilities Division** 

DATE:

March 16, 2009

RE:

THE APPLICATION OF AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS OF OHIO, INC. FOR

AUTHORITY TO CANCEL ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND

NECESSITY ("CC&N") FOR CUSTOMER OWNED PAY TELEPHONE ("COPT")

PROVIDERS (DOCKET NO. T-04068A-09-0025)

On January 26, 2009, American Communications of Ohio, Inc. ("American" or "Applicant") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") to cancel its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to provide customer owned pay telephone ("COPT") service. The Commission granted American Communications of Ohio, Inc. a CC&N to provide COPT service in Decision No. 64983, dated June 26, 2002.

Staff contacted the Applicant, Thomas Twiss, and verified that he is the person authorized to make the application. The Applicant stated that the company no longer provides COPT service in the state of Arizona. According to the application, the Applicant has not waived the right to a hearing and has not waived the right to receive notices of a hearing in order to cancel the CC&N. However, Staff was able to contact the Applicant via telephone on February 27, 2009 and confirmed that the company does not wish to participate in a hearing.

The Compliance Section of the Utilities Division indicates that the Applicant does not have any outstanding compliance issues that need to be addressed with the Commission. The Applicant has not been entered into the Compliance Database.

Staff recommends that the application to cancel the CC&N be approved. Upon cancellation of its CC&N, the Applicant will not be authorized to provide COPT telecommunications services in the state of Arizona. Therefore the Applicant will not be subject to any of the requirements of Decision No. 64983.

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